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Mail Stop Patent Application

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is a continuation of serial no. 09/004,105 (hereafter "the parent application"). In an Office Action dated May 20, 2003 in the parent application (hereafter "the Office Action"), one subset of the claims was allowed, while another subset was rejected. The rejected claims were canceled from the parent application to enable a patent to issue therefrom with the allowed claims, and this continuation application has been filed to continue pursuit of the rejected claims. The claims of the present application correspond with the rejected claims of the parent application in the following manner: claims 1-18 respectively correspond with claims 41-58 of the parent application and claims 19-23 respectively correspond with claims 60-64 of the parent application.

I. Request for an Interview Before Issuance of a First Office Action

Initially, the undersigned requests a telephone interview in advance of the Examiner issuing a first Office Action, as this application is a continuation application and it is believed that an interview will assist in reaching a conclusion as to the outstanding issues.